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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE		
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))					\$		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =			X \$	=		
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =			X \$	=		
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Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	12	Minus	59	X \$	=		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2	Minus	10	X \$	=		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$	=		
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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus	0	X \$	=		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$	=		
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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus	0	X \$	=		
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